प्रभावित सस्यगत क्षेत्र और फसलों को हुई वार्षिक हानि इस प्रकार है :—

वर्ष	प्रभावित सस्यगत क्षेत्र (लाख हैक्टेयर में)	अतिरिक्त फसल की कीमत (करोड़ रु० में)
1986-87	52.86	300.56
1987-88	36.60	394.58
1988-89	9.27	171.89

राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान बाढ से कोई महत्वपूर्ण हानि नहीं हुई है।

(ग) राज्य सरकार ने सूखे के प्रभाव को न्यूनतम करने के लिये सिंचाई और जल संरक्षण निर्माण कार्यों को उच्च प्राथमिकता दी है। पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के लिए सूखा राहत निर्माण कार्यों के लिए स्वीकृत की गई अधिकतम केन्द्रीय सहायता इस प्रकार है :—

	(करोड़ रुपये में)
1986-87	22.70
1987-88	81.06
1988-89	40.21

Telecast of TV Serial 'Bible'

2312. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 434 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st July 1989 and state:

(a) what are the plans regarding telecast of TV serial 'Bible' after the conclusion of the popular serials 'Ramayana' and Mahabharat'; and

(b) whether Government propose to entrust the work of production of TV Serial 'Bible' to a Kerala Production firm, if so, the details of the project, its cost, number of episodes etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) M/s. Navodaya of Cochin sent a proposal for production of a TV serial of 39 episodes based n Biblical stories in Hindi. The proposal has been approved in principle for telecast in the national network. It is envisaged to produce this serial under the sponsorship scheme to be reopened shortly. Under this scheme Doordarshan would not be required to finance the production.

A decision about scheduling of this serial can be taken only after the producers have submitted a 'pilot' programme and the same has been approved by the Screening Committee.

Special Programme for Indians in South Africa by Official South African Broadcasting Corporation

2313. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the official South African Broadcasting Corporation is

launching a special programme for South Africa's Indian Community in an attempt to encounter the impact of the private M-Net T.V. Station; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to counter the South African programme through All India Radio's external service or any other means.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. K. TEWARY): (a) The Government do not have any information in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Duch Project for development of mushroom

2314. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indo-Duch project for development of mushroom is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka with Dutch assistance;

(b) if so, what is the progress of the above porject; and

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to carry out the above projects in the other States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Construction work of the project has been completed in Himachal Pradesh and is being completed in the remaining states by the end of this year.

(c) No, Sir.

2315. [Transferred to the 10th August, 1989]

Modernisation of Burnpur Project

2316. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the workers and management of the Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO) has signed a memorandum of agreement that paves the way for the smooth implementation of the modernisation of the Burnpur Project; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the Management of IISCO, Burnpur and representatives unions of IISCO, Burnpur has been signed on 12th July, 1989 that will facilitate the smooth implementation of the modernisation of the Burnpur Project.

The MOU provides for:

(i) Modernisation of the steel plant;

(ii) Re-employment retraining and protection of emoluments and services of workers covered by the MOU; and

(iii) A scheme to be introduced for employees making vountary separation more secure financially by providing regular monthly income.

Provident Fund fraud in ICWAI

2317. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn into the newsitem appearing in Sunday Mail dated 16th and 22nd July, 1989 under the caption "Provident Fund fraud in ICWAI costs staff dear";